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FOL RPT KINSHASA 0575 SENT ACTION SECSTATE INFO BONN, BRUSSELS,
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QUOTE: C O N F I D E N T I A L KINSHASA 0575

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN/ANGOLAN RELATIONS: MORE ON RESUMPTION OF TALKS

REF: KINSHASA 546 (NOTAL)

1. FOREIGN MINISTER UMBA DI LUTETE CALLED IN TOGETHER US,
BELGIAN, FRENCH, GERMAN, MOROCCAN AND EGYPTIAN CHIEFS OF MISSION
JANUARY 19 TO INFORM THEM OFFICIALLY THAT ZAIRIAN/ANGOLAN TALKS
WOULD RESUME JANUARY 20. HE EXPLAINED THOSE SIX GOVERNMENTS
ONLY WERE BEING INFORMED IN ADVANCE BECAUSE OF THEIR PARTICULARLY
CLOSE RELATIONS WITH GOZ AND THEIR ASSISTANCE DURING SHABA
INVASION.

2. UMBA'S PRESENTATION WAS CONSISTENT WITH WHAT HE HAD TOLD ME
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INFORMALLY THE EVENING BEFORE (REFTEL), WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS:
THE TALKS WILL BE HELD IN BRAZZAVILLE (INSTEAD OF KINSHASA) AND
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT WILL NOT BE MADE HERE UNTIL JANUARY 20.

3. IN RESPONSE TO QUERIES, UMBA MADE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL
POINTS:

A) WHILE THERE WAS CONTACT BETWEEN NETO AND ZAIRIAN

AMBASSADOR IN NIGERIA, CONGOLESE PRESIDENT YHOMBY-OPANGO
PLAYED THE MOST INSTRUMENTAL ROLE AS INTERMEDIARY.

B) TALKS WILL BE LIMITED TO ZAIRIANS AND ANGOLANS,
WITH NEITHER CONGOLESE NOR OTHER THIRD PARTY PARTICIPATING.

C) NO PRECISE AGENDA HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR TALKS; GOZ
INTENDS TO EXPLORE ALL THE WELL-KNOWN PROBLEMS RELATING TO
NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS TO DETERMINE WHETHER ADEQUATE BASIS
EXISTS TO PURSUE MORE DETAILED DIALOGUE IN FRAMEWORK OF MIXED
COMMISSION. CUTLER UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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